

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the present application. Claims 31-43 have been cancelled. Claims 1-30 and 44 accordingly remain pending in the application.

Claims 31-43 stood rejected under U.S.C. 101 because claimed subject matter failed to produce useful and concrete results. While Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, Applicant has nevertheless cancelled Claims 31-43. The rejection is thus believed moot.


The Office Action rejected claims 1-42 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over co-pending application number 10/821,372. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) to obviate the double patenting rejection has been filed along with this response. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request removal of the double patenting rejection.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said

fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505\5181-95101.

Respectfully submitted,



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